



## MEMORANDUM

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To: California Public Library Directors

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Subject: Out-of-School-Time Online Homework Help (2008/09) - Request for Applications

I am pleased to announce that Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds will be once again used to support the State's Out-of-School-Time Online Homework Help program in 2008/09. In 2007/08, we were able to extend the program into eight additional libraries through a competitive application process. This current request for applications is being issued in hopes of extending the program into even more library jurisdictions next year. However, due to limited resources, we cannot guarantee that all applicants will be funded. Libraries that are already participating in the program need not re-apply.

Selection of the next round of program participants will be based on the following criteria:

- strong evidence of a student population that will use online homework assistance;
- evidence of the library's successful provision of other electronically-accessed services;
- an aggressive marketing plan to promote the Out-of-School-Time Online Homework Help program; and
- a feasible plan for continuing the program beyond the first year.

Extra points will be given to libraries that show an interest in sharing the cost of the Out-of-School-Time Online Homework Help program during the first year.

In the past, the State Library negotiated all online homework help subscription fees and retained the right to decide which vendor would provide service to each participating library. Starting in 2008/09, Out-of-School-Time Online Homework Help libraries will be able to negotiate their own subscription fee with the vendor of their choice. We believe this will enable library staff to acquire the best subscription price possible, while also encouraging libraries to establish an individual business relationship with their vendor.

Information and application forms for the 2008/09 program are available on our web site at: [http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/lsta\\_app\\_08\\_09.html](http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/lsta/lsta_app_08_09.html). Deadline to apply is May 16, 2008. If you have any questions regarding this program or the application process, please contact Library Programs Consultant Cindy Mediavilla at (310) 915-8588 or [cmediavilla@library.ca.gov](mailto:cmediavilla@library.ca.gov).